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WYOMING LABOR FORCE TRENDS

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Trend Setters

Wyoming	Dec'89	Jan'90
Labor Force	240,468	239,787
Employment	226,488	223,749
Unemployment	13,980	16,038
Rate (Raw)	5.8	6.7
Rate (S.A.)	5.6	5.5
Mining Hourly Wage	$14.88	$15.04
Avg. Weekly Hours, Mining	44.9	44.6
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Rate (S.A.)	5.3	5.3
Mining Hourly Wage	$13.34	$13.39
Avg. Weekly Hours, Mining	43.8	44.0
Consumer Price Index		
All Urban (1982-1984 = 100)		
U.S. City Avg.	126.1	127.4
Year Change (U.S.)	+4.6	+5.2

S.A.-Seasonally Adjusted

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U.S. Unemployment Lingers at 5.3 Percent

For the eighth consecutive month the national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate registered 5.3 percent. This was also the annual average for 1989 and compared to 5.4 percent a year ago. The January rate represented approximately 6.5 million jobseekers across the nation.

Adult women displaced adult men for the lowest unemployment, at 4.6 percent in January. The 16-19 year olds continued with the highest rate, 14.5 percent.

National Manufacturing Down, Services Up

While all so called service-producing industries, especially services itself, continued unabated growth in January, the once rock solid manufacturing sector continued to slide. In January, manufacturing workers numbered 279,000 less over the month. Services, on the other hand, was up almost 1.2 million from a year ago. Trade was up annually by 613,000, as was government up 314,000, transportation and utilities up 203,000, and finance, insurance, and real estate up 145,000.

The total number of employed civilian workers in the U.S., in January, was 117.9 million, up annually 1.2 million, or 1.0 percent.

Wyoming Unemployment at 5.5 Percent in January

Statewide unemployment, seasonally adjusted, dropped to 5.5 percent in January. This compares to 5.6 percent last month, 6.3 percent last year, and is only slightly higher than the national rate of 5.3 percent. Annual average unemployment in the Cowboy state, on the other hand, at 6.3 percent, was a full percentage point above the national rate.

Unadjusted unemployment increased seasonally, in January, almost a full percentage point from December, at 5.8 percent, to 6.7 percent, well below the 7.6 percent of last year.

County Unemployment Down

All but five of the 23 counties in the state indicated lower unemployment than a year ago, and six counties had the same or lower unemployment than the U.S. unadjusted rate in January. Teton County, the Jackson Hole area, continued with the lowest unemployment at 2.8 percent and Fremont County had the highest at 9.8 percent. Laramie and Natrona counties posted unemployment of 6.4 and 7.3 percent. County unemployment rates are not adjusted for seasonality.

State Worker Count Up

The civilian labor force in Wyoming registered about 239,800 in January,

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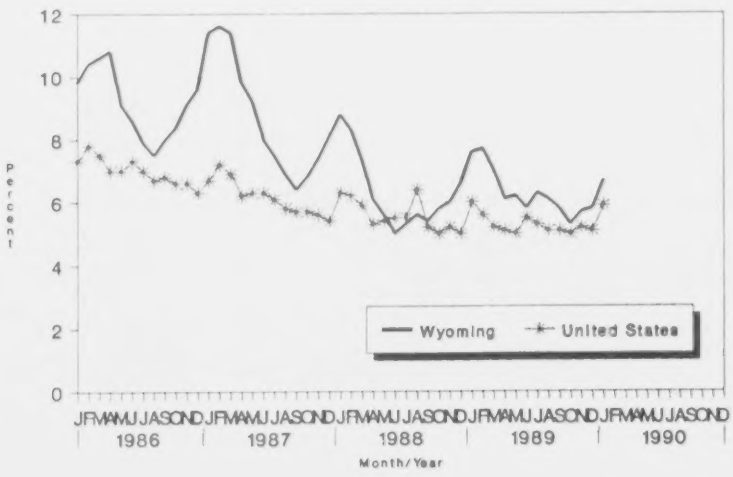
Civilian Unadjusted
1986 - 1990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up over two percent from last year. Total employment, workers, stood at over 223,700, up over 6,800 from the year ago number of 216,900, a 3.2 percent gain.

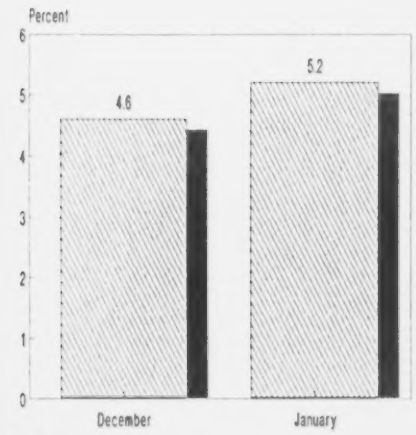
Across the state substantial annual worker gains were registered in services, up 2,700; retail trade, up 2,000; local government, up 1,000; and construction, up 800. These gains reflect the national trend of the highest worker growth being concentrated in the service-producing sector. Other industries in the state, most in the goods-producing sector, registered smaller gains. The only major industry down over the year was finance, insurance, and real estate. The loss was concentrated finance, reflecting the state's troubled banking industry. Federal and state government employment remained at, or below, year ago levels.

Laramie and Albany Counties Register Highest Labor Force Growth

The Cheyenne area, Laramie County, indicated the greatest annual labor force gain, about 1,200. Albany County came in second, followed by Sheridan and Teton counties, with gains of 788, 668, and 661.

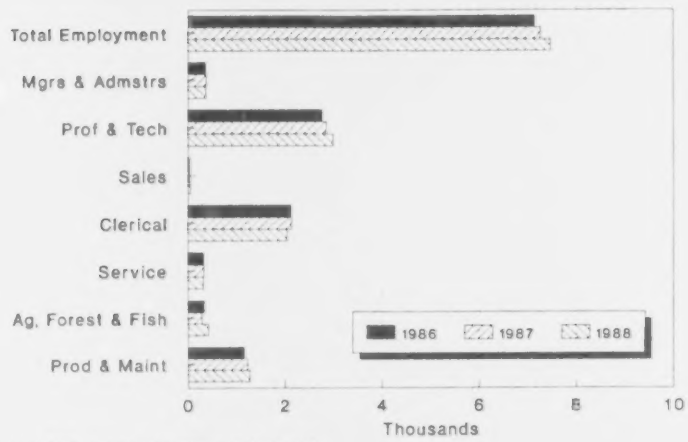
On the other side of the coin, Converse County registered the highest annual labor force decline in the state, almost seven percent. For more county detail refer to Table 2.

Consumer Price Index
Annual Percent Change
All Urban



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Wyoming Federal Government Employment*
by Occupational Groups, 1986-1988



Source: BLS, *some agencies not included

Federal Government Employment Grows in Wyoming

The Bureau of Labor Statistics recently released the occupational staffing patterns of federal civilian employment in Wyoming as of October, 1988. Employment grew over the year by 199, with most of that growth being concentrated in professional, paraprofessional and technical occupations; agriculture, forestry and fishing occupations; and production, construction, operating, maintenance and material handling occupations. Federal civilian employment accounts for approximately 3.4 percent of total employment.

Most of the federal civilian employment in Wyoming was divided between: professional, paraprofessional and technical occupations (40.1 percent); and clerical and administrative support occupations (27.4 percent). The remaining occupational groups accounted for less than a third of the total federal civilian employment.

Major employing federal jobs in Wyoming included: mail carriers (367); traffic, shipping and receiving clerks (356); forestry and conservation workers (266); and registered nurses (227).

The occupations with the largest annual growth were: forestry and conservation workers (+109); biological, agricultural, and food technicians and technologist, excluding health (+37); tax examiners, collectors, and revenue agents (+18); and mail carriers, postal service (+14).

The occupations with the greatest decline were: general office clerks (-52); typists (-25); clerks, postal service (-15); and traffic, shipping, and receiving clerks (-11).

Federal civilian employment in Wyoming has continued to grow in both numbers and as a percent of total employment in Wyoming. With the vast amount of federal land in Wyoming, employment in this sector will continue to play a vital role in the state's development.

Minimum Wage Going Up

Beginning April 1, 1990 the Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1989 will go into effect. These amendments will raise the federal minimum wage from $3.35 per hour to $3.80 per hour. Next year, April 1, 1991, the federal minimum wage will go to $4.25 per hour.

There are some exceptions - a training wage and tip credits. Under certain conditions, employers can pay employees, under the age of 20, a training wage rate of at least 85 percent of the minimum (but not less than $3.35 per hour) for up to 90 days.

Tip credits of up to 45 percent of the minimum wage can be taken for certain tipped employees. This increases to 50 percent on April 1, 1991.

Wyoming County Population
Ranked by Percent Change 1980–1988

Rank	County	April 1, 1980	July 1, 1984	July 1, 1988	Percent Change 1980–1988
1	Uinta	13,021	23,598	18,800	44.4
2	Campbell	24,367	34,966	32,800	34.6
3	Teton	9,355	11,122	11,600	24.0
4	Lincoln	12,177	14,584	14,500	19.1
5	Sublette	4,548	5,380	5,200	14.3
6	Park	21,639	27,509	24,200	11.8
7	Laramie	68,649	72,347	75,200	9.5
8	Crook	5,308	5,915	5,800	9.3
9	Goshen	12,040	12,364	12,500	3.8
10	Sweetwater	41,723	44,995	43,300	3.8
11	Weston	7,106	7,845	7,300	2.7
12	Sheridan	25,048	26,995	25,100	0.2
13	Niobrara	2,924	3,277	2,900	-0.8
14	Albany	29,062	30,087	28,600	-1.6
15	Johnson	6,700	7,033	6,500	-3.0
16	Washakie	9,496	9,989	9,200	-3.1
17	Big Horn	11,896	12,436	11,500	-3.3
18	Hot Springs	5,710	6,041	5,500	-3.7
19	Natrona	71,856	74,986	64,700	-10.0
20	Fremont	38,992	37,335	33,900	-13.1
21	Converse	14,069	14,988	12,200	-13.3
22	Carbon	21,896	20,721	18,400	-16.0
23	Platte	11,975	9,900	9,600	-19.8

Source: Census Bureau

Wyoming County Population

Uinta County lead all Wyoming counties in population growth from 1980 to 1988, according to recently released Census Bureau data. Uinta's population grew 44.4 percent from 13,021 in 1980 to 18,800 in 1988. However, there was a significant decline from the 1984 estimate of 23,598.

Additional counties with population growth of 10 percent or more for the eight year period included Campbell (34.6 percent), Teton (24.0 percent), Lincoln (19.1 percent), Sublette (14.3 percent), and Park (11.8 percent).

Eleven of the state's 23 counties had population declines and five counties had population declines of 10 percent or more. Platte County lead decliners with a population loss of 19.8 percent. Platte was followed by Carbon (-16.0 percent), Converse (-13.3 percent), Fremont (-13.1 percent), and Natrona (-10.0 percent).

When comparing the 1988 estimates of population with 1984 estimates, only three counties showed population growth - Goshen, Laramie, and Teton.

In addition to population estimates for Wyoming counties for 1988, the Census Bureau also released population estimates for cities and towns in the Cowboy state. This information is available for anyone interested and can be obtained by contacting Mike Paris at the address on the back of *Trends*.

Wyoming's Population

The Census Bureau estimates Wyoming's population at 475,000, an increase of 5,000 over the 1980 Census count of 470,000. However, since July 1, 1985, Wyoming has had a decline of 35,000 or -6.8 percent, ranking it first in percent decline of population in the U.S. Wyoming's July 1, 1985 population was estimated at 509,000.

Resident Population 1989, 1985 & 1980
Mountain Division (Numbers in thousands)

State	July 1, 1989	July 1, 1985	April 1, 1980	Change, 1985-89 Number	Percent
Montana	806	825	787	-20	-2.4
Idaho	1,014	1,005	944	9	0.9
Wyoming	475	509	470	-35	-6.8
Colorado	3,317	3,232	2,890	85	2.6
New Mexico	1,528	1,450	1,303	78	5.4
Arizona	3,556	3,161	2,718	395	12.5
Utah	1,707	1,644	1,461	63	3.8
Nevada	1,111	939	800	171	18.3

Source: Census Bureau

In the Mountain Division, only Wyoming's neighbor, Montana had a decline in population since 1985. Overall, the Mountain Division - includes Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Nevada - had an increase in population of 5.8 percent, ranking it third out of nine divisions. The U.S. population gain over the last four years has been 4.0 percent.

Wyoming continues the distinction of being the nation's least populated state and there is little doubt that this title will change when the Census Bureau takes its decennial count April 1, 1990.

Turning the Corner

Whew! Finally some good news to report with regard to Wyoming's economy. Recently received revised Current Population Household Survey (CPS) data indicated that the annual state worker count, which peaked in 1981-1983, and declined in 1984-1987, registered employment growth in 1988 and 1989. Employment expanded by 3,000 in 1988 and 1,000 in 1989.

Unemployment has stabilized at 15,000, and the rate, which had been as high as 9.0 percent in 1986, has settled in at 6.3 percent. It appears Wyoming's economy has turned the corner and is showing signs of moving towards a more natural growth pattern.

January 1990 employment, which was discussed earlier in this issue of *Trends*, exhibited an increase of 6,800 over the year. And the state's unemployment rate of 5.5 was just slightly higher than the 5.3 percent national rate.

The CPS is a household survey conducted by the federal government and is considered accurate enough to be published on an average annual basis. Approximately 850 households in the state are surveyed monthly, on a rotating basis, to measure unemployment and other economic data.

Revised Numbers

This edition of the *Trends* includes an additional four tables. These tables include the revised 1989 labor force, employment, unemployment, and unemployment rates for the state of Wyoming and its counties. Each year the Local Area Unemployment Statistics unit reviews previous years data and makes adjustments for inclusion of improved information. Copies of revised data for years prior to 1989 are available from Research and Analysis and are available by contacting the address on the back of Trends.

Non-Farm Wage and Salary Employment Table Changes

Beginning with this issue of the *Trends*, Table 3 will include additional industrial employment information for statewide data. The addition of data for detailed industries is due to changes in the process by which the employment is estimated. Industries must have at least 1,000 employees to be eligible for publication according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) standards.

Cheyenne data in Table 3 had to be discontinued because it did not meet the publishing criterion established by the BLS. We regret the inconvenience that this may cause our readers and hope that in the future we will again be able to publish this data with the blessings of the BLS.

Wyoming Annual Averages
Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment Level	Unemployment Rate
1976	180,000	172,000	7,000	4.1
1977	195,000	188,000	7,000	3.6
1978	210,000	203,000	7,000	3.3
1979	224,000	217,000	6,000	2.8
1980	234,000	225,000	9,000	4.0
1981	251,000	241,000	10,000	4.1
1982	256,000	241,000	15,000	5.8
1983	563,000	241,000	22,000	8.4
1984	255,000	239,000	16,000	6.3
1985	250,000	233,000	18,000	7.1
1986	252,000	229,000	23,000	9.0
1987	240,000	220,000	21,000	8.6
1988	238,000	223,000	15,000	6.3
1989	239,000	224,000	15,000	6.3

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics

PARK, WYOMING

Park County's 1987 population of 24,300 ranked eighth in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - In 1987, Park had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $13,185. This PCPI ranked fifth in the state, and was 104 percent of the state average ($12,706) and 85 percent of the national average ($15,484). In 1977, Park's PCPI of $8,232 ranked seventh in the state. The average annual growth rate of PCPI over the past 10 years was 4.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.0 percent and for the nation was 7.8 percent.

PLATTE, WYOMING

Platte County's 1987 population of 9,800 ranked 16th in the state.

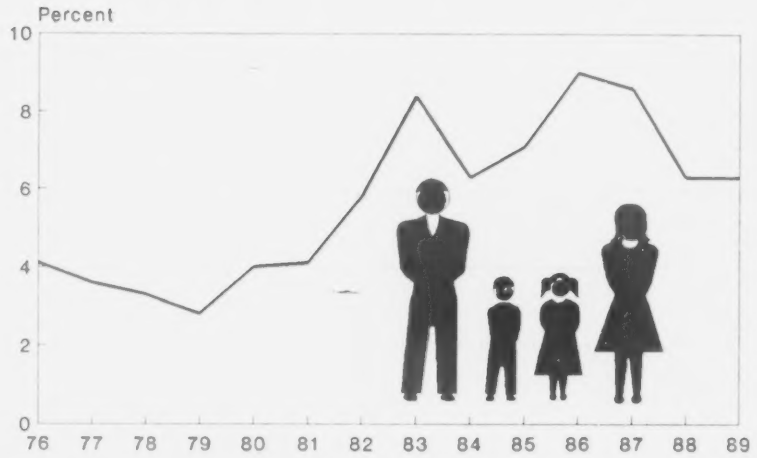
PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - In 1987, Platte had a PCPI of $10,292. This PCPI ranked 22nd in the state, and was 81 percent of the state average and 66 percent of the national average. In 1977, Platte's PCPI of $6,136 ranked 20th in the state. The average annual growth rate for the past 10 years was 5.3 percent.

SHERIDAN CO, WYOMING

Sheridan County's 1987 population of 25,500 ranked seventh in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - In 1987, Sheridan County had a PCPI of $12,669. This PCPI ranked ninth in the state, and was 100 percent of the state average and 82 percent of the national average. In 1977, Sheridan's PCPI $7,576 ranked 10th in the state. The average annual growth rate of PCPI over the past 10 years was 5.3 percent.

Wyoming Annual Average Unemployment Rate 1976-1989



Source: Current Population Survey

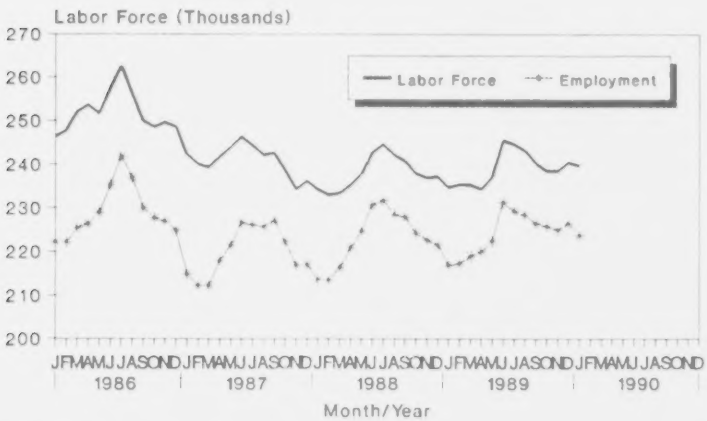
SUBLETTE, WYOMING

Sublette County's 1987 population of 5,500 ranked 22nd in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - In 1987, Sublette had a PCPI of $12,912. This PCPI ranked seventh in the state, and was 102 percent of the state average and 83 percent of the national average. In 1977, Sublette's PCPI $8,130 ranked 8th in the state. The average annual growth rate of PCPI over the past 10 years was 4.7 percent.

Wyoming Labor Force and Employment

1986 - 1990



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Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, BLS and Research & Analysis.

Consumer Price Index

(1982-1984 = 100)
All Urban

	Jan. 1989	Annual % change
All Items	127.4	5.2
Food & Beverage	130.0	6.6
Housing	125.9	4.3
Entertainment	129.9	4.9
Apparel & Upkeep	116.7	1.2
Transportation	117.2	5.5
Medical	155.9	8.4

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

WYOMING
1989 LABOR FORCE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
Statewide	234,689	235,361	235,267	234,278	237,123	245,519	244,679	243,274	240,293	238,491	238,559	240,468	239,000
Albany	15,890	16,117	15,902	15,855	15,755	15,111	15,179	15,435	16,270	16,528	16,879	17,026	15,996
Big Horn	4,864	5,142	5,018	5,366	5,335	5,252	4,965	4,973	5,258	5,300	5,313	5,293	5,174
Campbell	15,636	15,659	15,724	15,493	15,460	15,780	15,772	15,590	15,296	15,300	15,547	15,558	15,568
Carbon	7,743	7,751	7,766	7,645	7,798	8,248	7,999	8,014	8,122	8,115	8,116	8,206	7,961
Converse	5,511	5,509	5,411	5,321	5,325	5,244	5,184	5,298	5,140	5,119	5,219	5,062	5,278
Crook	2,728	2,787	2,721	2,767	2,911	3,052	2,985	3,119	3,165	3,075	2,937	2,881	2,928
Fremont	16,323	16,420	16,411	16,516	16,686	16,241	16,364	16,584	16,645	16,482	16,714	16,330	16,477
Goshen	6,139	6,192	6,203	6,365	6,275	6,273	5,929	5,822	5,978	6,645	6,712	6,579	6,259
Hot Springs	2,769	2,775	2,809	2,867	3,018	2,989	2,868	2,822	2,878	3,010	2,899	2,960	2,889
Johnson	3,340	3,382	3,367	3,522	3,695	4,029	3,866	3,868	3,699	3,798	3,599	3,578	3,645
Laramie	37,484	37,474	37,088	36,352	36,589	37,096	37,282	36,408	36,231	37,375	37,913	38,193	37,123
Lincoln	5,722	5,701	5,682	5,768	5,834	6,049	5,805	5,958	5,885	5,815	5,669	5,588	5,790
Natrona	30,890	30,793	30,879	30,871	30,709	31,198	30,459	31,150	31,119	31,183	31,528	31,882	31,056
Niobrara	1,448	1,479	1,501	1,495	1,507	1,543	1,460	1,480	1,503	1,580	1,496	1,458	1,496
Park	12,581	12,544	12,506	12,408	13,360	15,395	15,603	15,469	13,765	13,065	12,781	13,318	13,566
Platte	4,302	4,418	4,397	4,661	4,624	4,518	4,271	4,317	4,294	4,285	4,179	4,230	4,375
Sheridan	12,434	12,503	12,704	12,681	12,775	13,242	12,944	12,637	12,987	13,020	13,006	13,210	12,846
Sublette	2,682	2,649	2,720	2,728	2,853	2,991	3,062	2,954	3,020	2,943	2,849	2,882	2,861
Sweetwater	18,922	19,032	19,327	18,962	19,045	19,347	19,341	18,686	19,214	18,907	19,067	19,010	19,072
Teton	9,556	9,618	9,683	9,422	9,796	14,132	15,135	14,843	11,875	9,564	8,980	10,120	11,061
Uinta	9,716	9,639	9,648	9,548	9,931	10,214	10,298	10,016	10,012	9,270	9,183	9,170	9,720
Washakie	4,459	4,388	4,389	4,372	4,451	4,398	4,570	4,502	4,481	4,727	4,605	4,575	4,493
Weston	3,548	3,389	3,416	3,294	3,395	3,176	3,339	3,328	3,455	3,383	3,366	3,361	3,371
Casper City	22,210	22,143	22,197	22,183	22,070	22,423	21,897	22,392	22,359	22,398	22,652	22,902	22,319
Cheyenne City	26,637	26,631	26,358	25,841	26,008	26,368	26,498	25,878	25,749	26,567	26,949	27,147	26,386

WYOMING
1989 EMPLOYMENT

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
Statewide	216,911	217,312	218,841	219,995	222,345	231,288	229,240	228,394	226,471	225,772	224,943	226,488	224,000
Albany	15,138	15,407	15,310	15,276	15,229	14,620	14,583	14,935	15,772	15,971	16,273	16,379	15,408
Big Horn	4,482	4,578	4,584	4,999	4,976	4,936	4,646	4,670	4,906	5,049	4,976	4,914	4,810
Campbell	14,242	14,245	14,326	14,267	14,166	14,530	14,623	14,362	14,184	14,456	14,476	14,517	14,366
Carbon	7,050	7,036	7,165	7,159	7,282	7,706	7,417	7,483	7,602	7,655	7,677	7,743	7,415
Converse	4,952	4,941	4,945	4,945	4,914	4,859	4,761	4,873	4,784	4,716	4,827	4,626	4,845
Crook	2,488	2,546	2,485	2,584	2,724	2,893	2,826	2,879	3,021	2,953	2,740	2,667	2,734
Fremont	14,434	14,579	14,840	15,312	15,400	15,057	15,042	15,226	15,400	15,391	15,383	15,012	15,090
Goshen	5,821	5,782	5,849	6,049	6,000	6,056	5,610	5,567	5,785	6,453	6,375	6,269	5,968
Hot Springs	2,622	2,632	2,690	2,739	2,859	2,874	2,734	2,697	2,750	2,833	2,808	2,841	2,757
Johnson	3,072	3,104	3,142	3,356	3,514	3,828	3,628	3,666	3,559	3,633	3,414	3,362	3,440
Laramie	35,149	35,216	34,907	34,497	34,622	35,119	35,209	34,374	34,129	35,367	35,854	36,126	35,047
Lincoln	5,091	5,096	5,108	5,227	5,362	5,542	5,294	5,547	5,524	5,473	5,289	5,142	5,308
Natrona	28,502	28,360	28,628	28,838	28,584	29,011	28,192	28,874	29,104	29,352	29,520	29,950	28,910
Niobrara	1,372	1,393	1,416	1,444	1,477	1,509	1,425	1,446	1,436	1,489	1,415	1,397	1,435
Park	11,693	11,621	11,739	11,780	12,569	14,604	14,894	14,623	13,026	12,438	12,125	12,535	12,804
Platte	3,967	4,094	4,109	4,392	4,317	4,254	4,008	4,043	4,058	4,021	3,911	3,943	4,093
Sheridan	11,681	11,718	11,966	12,079	12,119	12,563	12,274	11,964	12,323	12,507	12,295	12,451	12,162
Sublette	2,455	2,428	2,518	2,551	2,696	2,854	2,861	2,841	2,890	2,823	2,758	2,756	2,703
Sweetwater	17,313	17,471	17,799	17,607	17,696	17,911	17,569	17,152	17,972	17,679	18,039	17,974	17,882
Teton	9,263	9,320	9,404	9,037	9,523	13,957	14,855	14,610	11,646	9,250	8,616	9,778	10,772
Uinta	8,742	8,664	8,766	8,694	9,024	9,427	9,468	9,223	9,133	8,652	8,577	8,587	8,913
Washakie	4,142	3,980	4,027	4,108	4,120	4,197	4,263	4,216	4,243	4,404	4,390	4,367	4,205
Weston	3,239	3,100	3,119	3,057	3,174	2,981	3,059	3,124	3,224	3,208	3,205	3,153	3,137
Casper City	20,406	20,305	20,497	20,647	20,465	20,771	20,184	20,673	20,837	21,015	21,135	21,443	28,910
Cheyenne City	25,030	25,077	24,857	24,565	24,654	25,008	25,072	24,478	24,303	25,185	25,532	25,725	24,957

WYOMING
1989 UNEMPLOYMENT

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
Statewide	17,778	18,049	16,426	14,283	14,778	14,231	15,439	14,880	13,822	12,719	13,616	13,980	15,000
Albany	752	710	592	579	526	491	596	500	498	557	606	647	588
Big Horn	382	564	434	367	359	316	319	303	352	251	337	379	364
Campbell	1,394	1,414	1,398	1,226	1,294	1,250	1,149	1,228	1,112	844	1,071	1,041	1,202
Carbon	693	715	601	486	516	542	582	531	520	460	439	463	546
Converse	559	568	466	376	411	385	423	425	356	403	392	436	433
Crook	240	241	236	183	187	159	159	240	144	122	197	214	194
Fremont	1,889	1,841	1,571	1,204	1,286	1,184	1,322	1,358	1,245	1,091	1,331	1,318	1,387
Goshen	318	410	354	316	275	217	319	255	193	192	337	310	291
Hot Springs	147	143	119	128	159	115	134	125	128	177	91	119	132
Johnson	268	278	225	166	181	201	238	202	140	165	185	216	205
Laramie	2,335	2,258	2,181	1,855	1,967	1,977	2,073	2,034	2,102	2,008	2,059	2,067	2,076
Lincoln	631	605	574	541	472	507	511	411	361	342	380	446	482
Natrona	2,388	2,433	2,251	2,033	2,125	2,187	2,267	2,276	2,015	1,831	2,008	1,932	2,146
Niobrara	76	86	85	51	30	34	35	34	67	91	81	61	61
Park	888	923	767	628	791	791	709	846	739	627	656	783	762
Platte	335	324	288	269	307	264	263	274	236	264	268	287	282
Sheridan	753	785	738	602	656	679	670	673	664	513	711	759	684
Sublette	227	221	202	177	157	137	201	113	130	120	91	126	158
Sweetwater	1,609	1,561	1,528	1,355	1,349	1,436	1,772	1,534	1,242	1,228	1,028	1,036	1,390
Teton	293	298	279	385	273	175	280	233	229	314	364	342	289
Uinta	974	975	882	854	907	787	830	793	879	618	606	583	807
Washakie	317	408	362	264	331	201	307	286	238	323	215	208	288
Weston	309	289	297	237	221	195	280	204	231	175	161	208	234
Casper City	1,804	1,838	1,700	1,536	1,605	1,652	1,713	1,719	1,522	1,383	1,517	1,459	1,621
Cheyenne City	1,607	1,554	1,501	1,276	1,354	1,360	1,426	1,400	1,446	1,382	1,417	1,422	1,429

WYOMING
1989 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
Statewide	7.6	7.7	7.0	6.1	6.2	5.8	6.3	6.1	5.8	5.3	5.7	5.8	6.3
Albany	4.7	4.4	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.9	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.7
Big Horn	7.9	11.0	8.6	6.8	6.7	6.0	6.4	6.1	6.7	4.7	6.3	7.2	7.0
Campbell	8.9	9.0	8.9	7.9	8.4	7.9	7.3	7.9	7.3	5.5	6.9	6.7	7.7
Carbon	9.0	9.2	7.7	6.4	6.6	6.6	7.3	6.6	6.4	5.7	5.4	5.6	6.9
Converse	10.1	10.3	8.6	7.1	7.7	7.3	8.2	8.0	6.9	7.9	7.5	8.6	8.2
Crook	8.8	8.6	8.7	6.6	6.4	5.2	5.3	7.7	4.5	4.0	6.7	7.4	6.6
Fremont	11.6	11.2	9.6	7.3	7.7	7.3	8.1	8.2	7.5	6.6	8.0	8.1	8.4
Goshen	5.2	6.6	5.7	5.0	4.4	3.5	5.4	4.4	3.2	2.9	5.0	4.7	4.6
Hot Springs	5.3	5.2	4.2	4.5	5.3	3.8	4.7	4.4	4.4	5.9	3.1	4.0	4.6
Johnson	8.0	8.2	6.7	4.7	4.9	5.0	6.2	5.2	3.8	4.3	5.1	6.0	5.6
Laramie	6.2	6.0	5.9	5.1	5.4	5.3	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.6
Lincoln	11.0	10.6	10.1	9.4	8.1	8.4	8.8	6.9	6.1	5.9	6.7	8.0	8.3
Natrona	7.7	7.9	7.3	6.6	6.9	7.0	7.4	7.3	6.5	5.9	6.4	6.1	6.9
Niobrara	5.2	5.8	5.7	3.4	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.3	4.5	5.8	5.4	4.2	4.1
Park	7.1	7.4	6.1	5.1	5.9	5.1	4.5	5.5	5.4	4.8	5.1	5.9	5.6
Platte	7.8	7.3	6.5	5.8	6.6	5.8	6.2	6.3	5.5	6.2	6.4	6.8	6.4
Sheridan	6.1	6.3	5.8	4.7	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.1	3.9	5.5	5.7	5.3
Sublette	8.5	8.3	7.4	6.5	5.5	4.6	6.6	3.8	4.3	4.1	3.2	4.4	5.5
Sweetwater	8.5	8.2	7.9	7.1	7.1	7.4	9.2	8.2	6.5	6.5	5.4	5.4	7.3
Teton	3.1	3.1	2.9	4.1	2.8	1.2	1.9	1.6	1.9	3.3	4.1	3.4	2.6
Uinta	10.0	10.1	9.1	8.9	9.1	7.7	8.1	7.9	8.8	6.7	6.6	6.4	8.3
Washakie	7.1	9.3	8.2	6.0	7.4	4.6	6.7	6.4	5.3	6.8	4.7	4.5	6.4
Weston	8.7	8.5	8.7	7.2	6.5	6.1	8.4	6.1	6.7	5.2	4.8	6.2	6.9
Casper City	8.1	8.3	7.7	6.9	7.3	7.4	7.8	7.7	6.8	6.2	6.7	6.4	7.3
Cheyenne City	6.0	5.8	5.7	4.9	5.2	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.4

Table 1

WYOMING
ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDUSTRY	JANUARY 1990 [1]	DECEMBER 1989 [2]	JANUARY 1989 [2]	Percent Change From A Month Ago	Percent Change From A Year Ago
WYOMING EMPLOYMENT DATA					
Total Civilian Labor Force	239,787	240,468	234,689	-0.3	2.2
Unemployment [3]	16,038	13,980	17,778	14.7	-9.8
Employed Labor Force	223,749	226,488	216,911	-1.2	3.2
a. Covered Employment (Under Wyo. UI Law) [3]	169,900	176,100	165,927	-3.5	2.4
b. Agriculture	10,834	10,781	9,324	0.5	16.2
Total Unemployment Rate (Wyo.) Seasonally Adjusted*	6.7% 5.5%*	5.8% 5.6%*	7.6% 6.3%*	XXX	XXX
Total Unemployment Rate (U.S.) Seas. Adjusted*	5.9% 5.3%*	5.1% 5.3%*	6.0% 5.4%*	XXX	XXX
Insured Unemployment Rate (Wyo.)	2.5%	2.0%	3.2%	XXX	XXX
HOURS & EARNING [4]					
Mining (Production Workers):					
Average Weekly Earnings	$ 670.78	$ 668.11	$ 652.11	0.4	2.9
Average Weekly Hours	44.6	44.9	42.4	-0.7	5.2
Average Hourly Earnings	$ 15.04	$ 14.88	$ 15.38	1.1	-2.2
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE					
Claims Filed in Local Office	25,976	17,319	31,361	50.0	-17.2
a. Initial	3,921	3,374	4,363	16.2	-10.1
Weeks Compensated	18,210	12,014	21,175	51.6	-14.0
Total Amount Benefits Paid	$ 2,858,166	$ 1,849,024	$ 3,345,429	54.6	-14.6
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	$ 156.60	$ 153.49	$ 157.30	2.0	-0.4
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES					
Total Applications Received During Month	N.A.	3,218	N.A.	XXX	XXX
Total Openings Received	N.A.	2,327	N.A.	XXX	XXX
Individual Placements	N.A.	986	N.A.	XXX	XXX
Placement Transactions	N.A.	1,684	N.A.	XXX	XXX
UNITED STATES DATA					
HOURS & EARNING [4]					
Mining					
Average Weekly Earnings	$ 589.16	$ 584.29	$ 557.04	0.8	5.8
Average Weekly Hours	44.0	43.8	42.2	0.5	4.3
Average Hourly Earnings	$ 13.39	$ 13.34	$ 13.20	0.4	1.4
PRICE INDEXES					
Consumer Price Index 1982-84=100	127.4	126.1	121.1	1.0	5.2
Producer Prices, All Commodities 1982-84=100	111.4	113.0	110.5	-1.4	0.8
Food and Beverage 1982-84=100	130.0	127.2	122.0	2.2	6.6

**1 Preliminary. 2 Revised. 3 Not benchmarked to current population survey. 4 Estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in non-agricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the week which includes the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employeds, domestic servants, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. 5 Estimate based on historical trends.*

WYOMING
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 2

(Prepared in cooperation with U S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	LABOR FORCE					UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
COUNTY	JAN 1990	DEC 1989	JAN 1989	% CHANGE DEC-JAN	% CHANGE JAN-JAN	JAN 1990	DEC 1989	JAN 1989	JAN 1990	DEC 1989	JAN 1989
Statewide	239,787	240,468	234,689	-0.3	2.2	16,038	13,980	17,778	6.7	5.8	7.6
Statewide - Seasonally Adjusted									5.5	5.6	6.3
Albany	16,678	17,026	15,890	-2.0	5.0	622	647	752	3.7	3.8	4.7
Big Horn	5,248	5,293	4,864	-0.9	7.9	421	379	382	8.0	7.2	7.9
Campbell	15,634	15,558	15,636	0.5	0.0	1,041	1,041	1,394	6.7	6.7	8.9
Carbon	7,938	8,206	7,743	-3.3	2.5	593	463	693	7.5	5.6	9.0
Converse	5,134	5,062	5,511	1.4	-6.8	495	436	559	9.6	8.6	10.1
Crook	2,632	2,881	2,728	-8.6	-3.5	181	214	240	6.9	7.4	8.8
Fremont	16,639	16,330	16,323	1.9	1.9	1,634	1,318	1,889	9.8	8.1	11.6
Goshen	6,477	6,579	6,139	-1.6	5.5	383	310	318	5.9	4.7	5.2
Hot Springs	2,907	2,960	2,769	-1.8	5.0	131	119	147	4.5	4.0	5.3
Johnson	3,538	3,578	3,340	-1.1	5.9	239	216	268	6.8	6.0	8.0
Laramie	38,658	38,193	37,484	1.2	3.1	2,490	2,067	2,335	6.4	5.4	6.2
Lincoln	5,561	5,588	5,722	-0.5	-2.8	491	446	631	8.8	8.0	11.0
Natrona	31,213	31,882	30,890	-2.1	1.0	2,265	1,932	2,388	7.3	6.1	7.7
Niobrara	1,513	1,458	1,448	3.8	4.5	75	61	76	5.0	4.2	5.2
Park	13,071	13,318	12,581	-1.9	3.9	860	783	888	6.6	5.9	7.1
Platte	4,197	4,230	4,302	-0.8	-2.4	291	287	335	6.9	6.8	7.8
Sheridan	13,102	13,210	12,434	-0.8	5.4	835	759	753	6.4	5.7	6.1
Sublette	2,901	2,882	2,682	0.7	8.2	125	126	227	4.3	4.4	8.5
Sweetwater	18,932	19,010	18,922	-0.4	0.1	1,266	1,036	1,609	6.7	5.4	8.5
Teton	10,217	10,120	9,556	1.0	6.9	285	342	293	2.8	3.4	3.1
Uinta	9,523	9,170	9,716	3.8	-2.0	720	583	974	7.6	6.4	10.0
Washakie	4,577	4,575	4,459	0.0	2.6	346	208	317	7.6	4.5	7.1
Weston	3,499	3,361	3,548	4.1	-1.4	252	208	309	7.2	6.2	8.7
United States									5.1	5.2	5.2
United States - Seasonally Adjusted									5.3	5.3	5.4

The ESC wishes to state that the data contained in this table are only estimates. The date for the current month is a preliminary estimate and will be revised next month, and revised again in about a year. The data contained in this table includes updated procedures mandated by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. In addition, the 1989 data has been benchmarked to the Current Population Survey as conducted in Wyoming.

Table 3

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING

(Prepared in Cooperation with U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			% CHANGE IN TOTAL EMP.	
	JAN 1990 Total	DEC 1989 Total	JAN 1989 Total	DEC 1989 to JAN 1990	JAN 1989 to JAN 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	189.9	193.5	182.4	-1.9 %	4.1 %
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	34.5	35.3	33.0	-2.3	4.6
Mining	16.9	17.1	16.6	-1.2	1.8
Coal Mining	4.6	4.6	4.6	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	7.9	8.0	7.7	-1.3	2.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	3.7	3.8	3.6	-2.6	2.8
Construction	8.8	9.2	8.0	-4.4	10.0
General Building Contractors	1.4	1.7	1.5	-17.7	-6.7
Heavy Construction	2.8	3.0	3.0	-6.7	-6.7
Special Trade Construction	4.6	4.5	3.5	2.2	31.4
Manufacturing	8.8	9.0	8.4	-2.2	4.8
Durable Goods	3.9	4.0	3.7	-2.5	5.4
Nondurable Goods	4.9	5.0	4.7	-2.0	4.3
Printing & Publishing	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	9.1
TOTAL SERVICE PRODUCING	155.4	158.2	149.4	-1.8	4.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	14.1	14.6	13.9	-3.4	1.4
Transportation	8.4	8.9	8.2	-5.6	2.4
Railroad Transportation	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
Trucking & Warehousing	4.3	4.6	4.1	-6.5	4.9
Communications	2.1	2.2	2.1	-4.6	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	3.6	3.5	3.6	2.9	0.0
Trade	43.5	44.6	41.3	-2.5	5.3
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.3	7.1	0.0	2.8
Durable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	2.6
Nondurable Goods	3.4	3.4	3.3	0.0	3.0
Retail Trade	36.2	37.3	34.2	-3.0	5.9
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	1.4	1.4	1.2	0.0	16.7
General Merchandise Stores	3.9	4.2	3.4	-7.1	14.7
Food Stores	5.9	6.0	5.4	-1.7	9.3
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	6.0	6.1	5.6	-1.6	7.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	1.4	1.5	1.4	-6.7	0.0
Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	11.1
Eating & Drinking Places	12.8	13.1	12.4	-2.3	3.2
Miscellaneous Retail	4.0	4.1	4.0	-2.4	0.0

See footnotes at end of table

Table 3 (Cont.) NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING [1]

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS JAN 1990 [2] Total	DEC 1989 [3] Total	JAN 1989 Total	% CHANGE IN TOTAL EMP. DEC 1989 to JAN 1990	JAN 1989 to JAN 1990
Finance	3.5	4.0	4.1	-12.5	-14.6
Insurance	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	6.7
Services	35.2	35.0	32.5	0.6	8.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	5.4	5.5	4.9	-1.8	10.2
Personal Services	1.7	1.6	1.7	6.3	0.0
Business Services	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	2.4	2.4	2.0	0.0	20.0
Amusements & Recreational Services including Motion Pictures	2.3	2.3	2.1	0.0	9.5
Health Services	7.9	7.9	7.1	0.0	11.3
Legal Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Social Services	3.1	3.2	3.0	-3.1	3.3
Government	55.4	56.8	54.5	-2.5	1.7
Total Federal Government	7.1	7.6	7.0	-6.6	1.4
Total State Government	13.0	13.3	13.2	-2.3	-1.5
Total Local Government	35.3	35.9	34.3	-1.7	2.9
CASPER (Natrona County)					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	27.5	28.3	26.4	-2.8 %	4.2 %
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	5.3	5.5	4.9	-3.6	8.2
Manufacturing	1.6	1.7	1.3	-5.9	23.1
Mining	2.3	2.4	2.3	-4.2	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	2.1	2.2	2.2	-4.6	-4.6
Construction	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	7.7
TOTAL SERVICE PRODUCING	22.2	22.8	21.5	-2.6	3.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	1.7	1.8	1.7	-5.6	0.0
Transportation	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	10.0
Communications & Public Utilities	0.6	0.7	0.7	-14.3	-14.3
Trade	7.9	8.1	7.6	-2.5	4.0
Wholesale Trade	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	5.8	6.0	5.5	-3.3	5.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Services	6.1	6.4	5.8	-4.7	5.2
Personal & Business Services	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Health Services	2.0	2.0	1.8	0.0	11.1
Government	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	2.0

1 Estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers in non-agricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the week which includes the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employeds, domestic servants and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. 2 Subject to revision. 3 Revised figures.

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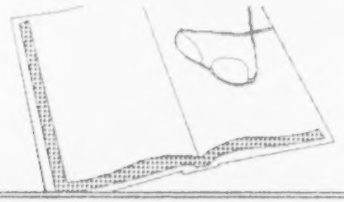

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